# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3
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SHORTAGE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of Air Traffic Controllers (ATCs) required and the existing strength of the same in the country;

(b) whether the shortage of ATCs results in instances of near miss Aircraft Collisions;

(c) if so, the detailss thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to recruit more ATCs;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION ( SHRI PRAFUL PATEL )

(a) At present a total number of 1630 Air Traffic Controllers are in position against the sanctioned strength of 2107.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) Keeping in view an additional requirement of controllers due to opening of new airports, new ATC sectors and increased Air Traffic in the country, 300 posts of Junior Engineers (JE)(ATC) were filled up during the year 2008 and process to fill 68 posts of Manager (ATC) is in advanced stage. 100 posts of JE (ATC)have been advertised and recruitment process is in preliminary stage. The recruitment process for addtional 62 posts of Manager (ATC) is also in preliminary stage.

(f) Does not arise.